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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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29/08/2008: Werner/DL1BKK and Gitte (Brigitte)/DL1BKI will be active holiday style from Kuramathi Island, Rasdu Atoll, Maldive Islands (AS-013, WW Loc. MJ64LG) as 8Q7KK between August 29th and September 17th. They will be using a IC-7000 with 100W and wire-antennas, Quad-Loop for 6m (if propagation permits). QSL via DL1BKK, direct or bureau. Note: NO eQSL please! No upload to LotW! [rsgbiota.org]

30/08/2008: The Radio Club Varennois (F5KEK) will be active August 30th as F5KEK/p srom the Castle of Sauvage (DFCF 03-073), located in the commune of Crechy (CP 03150), Department Allier/03 and Province Auvergne (DPF 03). QRV on 3.703 (+/-) and 7.060 (+/-) MHz SSB. QSL via F5KEK, direct or bureau. [F1SVV]

30/08/2008: Laci/HA0HW will be active as J48HW and SV8/homecall from Thasos Island (EU-174, MIA MG-124, GIOTA NAS-037, WLOTA LH-4186, WW Loc. KN20HS), Greece, from August 30th to September 10th. He will operate on the HF bands (mainly on 40, 30, 20, 17 meters and mainly CW, with some SSB, RTTY and PSK31 as well), and 6 meters. QSL via home call, HA bureau or direct. [HA0HW]

30/08/2008: The White Tower DX Team (SV0XAW, SV1ENG, SV2FPU, SV2GNQ, SV2HNZ, SV2HOB, SV2HPP, SV2HPY SV2HRT and SV2HSV) will be active on all bands and modes as SX8WT from Alonnisos Island (EU-072, GIOTA NAS-065, MIA MG-008, also count for WLOTA LH-4091) from 30 August to 5 September. QSL via SV2HPP. The team's website is at: www.whitetowerdxt.com/ [425 DX News]

31/08/2008: Patrice, F5RBB will be active from Monaco as 3A/F5RBB bewteen August 31st and September 10th. QRV on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters. QSL via home call. [F6AJA]

31/08/2008: Fred, PA1FJ will be signing SV5/PA1FJ/p from the island of Kos (MIA MGD-016, WLOTA LH-1730), Dodecanese (EU-001), between August 31st and September 7th. He will be running QRP with 5 watts, using a Yaesu FT817 and Buddistick antenna or 2x5m dipole. QSL via home call either direct (QRZ.com), eQSL or bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

01/09/2008: Operators Benoit/F8PDR, Jean-Jacques/F5NKX, Denis/F5RJM, Rolf/F9ZG, Alain/F5HVI, Rene/F6CMC and Alain/F6ACH will be active as F5KAQ/p from Brehat Island (EU-074, DIFM MA-012, WLOTA LH-2010) from September 1-8th. QRV 80-10 meter SSB, CW, RTTY, BPSK, including SSB from 144MHz to 10GHz. QSL via F5RJM, direct or bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

01/09/2008: Look for JA1BAL to be active from Honshu Island (AS-007, JIIA AS-007-001) between September 1st and October 30th. QSL via the JARL bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

01/09/2008: George, K3GV will be active between September 1st and 22nd as K3GV/VY2 from Prince Edward Island (IOTA NA-029, CIsA PE-001).

Activity will be on 15 and 20 meters around the usual IOTA frequencies. QSL via home call, direct or by the bureau. [K3GV]

01/09/2008: According to John, KL7HBK he will be operating from the Barter Island station (NA-050, USi AK-044S, 4th Judicial District, North Slope Borough), Alaska, in September. Look for activity on the usual island and IOTA frequencies. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [F5PFP]

02/09/2008: Operators Ian/G1JCC, Dick/G4LBH, Don/G4LOO, David/G4MVU, Terry/G4UEM, Andy/G8ATD and Bryan/M0BIK will be active from Caldey Island (EU-124, also count for WLOTA LH-4056, WAB SS19, WW Loc.IO71PP) using the call sign GB2CI. QRV from 1800 UTC September 2nd to 1100 UTC September 8th, holiday style operation on all bands 160 to 2 meters. They will run 400W on HF and 200W on 6m (5ele@12m) and 2m. GW3SVJ/P will be operational over the weekend of September 6-7th for SSB Field Day and 2m Trophy contests. QSL direct or bureau to G8ATD. QSL manager G4UEM. Further information can be found at: vhfcomm.co.uk/lvg/ [rsgbiota.org]

02/09/2008: Zdenek, OK1MBZ will be active as SV8/OK1MBZ/p from the island of Kerkyra [aka Corfu] (EU-052, MIA MG-055, WLOTA LH-4132) from September 2-11th. QRV on all HF bands, CW only. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

03/09/2008: The special issued prefix P41USA (remembering the USA attacks on Sept 11, 2001) will again be activated from September 3-12th from the island of Aruba (SA-036, WLOTA LH-0033). Operators will be Bob/P49T (W3BTX), Joop/P43JB and Roy/W3TEF who is also the QSL manager. Activity will be on all bands 160 through 2 meters. [NG3K]

03/09/2008: Yu, 7K3BKY will be QRV from Sihanoukville, Cambodia, September 3-8th as XU7YYY, mainly CW, with an entry in the All Asian DX SSB Contest (September 6-7th). QSL via home call, direct preferred but bureau ok. [NG3K]

04/09/2008: Satoshi, N2QP will be active as KH0/N2QP from Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (OC-086), September 4-8th, including an entry in the All Asian DX Phone Contest (September 6-7th). QSL KH0/N2QP direct, with SAE and 1 IRC or 1USD (Satoshi Kouya, 2-7-5 Iwamoto-cho, Chiyoda, Tokyo 101-0032 Japan). [N2QP]

04/09/2008: Viaceslav, LY4F will be active as PJ2/LY4F from Signal Point, island of Curacao (SA-006, also count for WLOTA LH-0942) September 4-18th, including a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry in the WAE DX SSB Contest (September 6-7th) using the call sign PJ2F. Outside of the contest look for activity on all bands and modes. QSL via LY1FF, bureau preferred. [CCC]

04/09/2008: Jan ZP6/DL7UFN and Rolf ZP6/DL7VEE will be active from Asuncion, Paraguay, at the QTH of Tom, ZP5AZL/ZP0R from September 4-14th. Activity is planned for 160-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and some PSK. QSL via home calls. [NG3K]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

07/09/2008: Special call sign TM8JPR will be active from September 7-21st for the European Heritage days, by the Lozere department Hams. A special vintage Army and Ham radio gear exhibition will be held in the city of Sainte Enimie on September 20th and 21st. QSL via the REF

bureau. [F5NQL]

12/09/2008: Look for JA2AAU (A35AU), JA2AIC (A35IC), JA2LSS (A35SS), JA2ATE (A35TE) and JA2ZS (A35ZS) to be active on all bands/modes from Tonga (OC-049) between September 12-17th. QSL via the information on QRZ.com for each call sign. [rsgbiota.org]

12/09/2008: Mike, AB5EB will be active as homecall/p from Matagorda Island (NA-092, USi TX-010S, Calhoun county), Texas, and the Matagorda lighthouse (ARLHS USA-482, TWLHD WLH K-096, WLOTA LH-1860, USGC 4-1312, WW Loc. EL18SI) from September 12-14th. QRV SSB and CW on, or near, the usual island and lighthouse frequencies. QSL via home call (CBA). [ARLHS]

14/09/2008: A group of operators from the Associazione Radioamatoriale Sardinia QRP Club (www.sardiniaqrp.com/) will be active as IQ0QP from Quirra Island (EU-165, IIA CA-009, MIA MIS-026) on September 14th from 0900 UTC to 1600 UTC. This will be a QRP operation on 80 (NVIS antenna), 40 and 20 meter, SSB and CW. Frequencies: 3560, 3590, 3620, 7030, 7040, 7090, 14030, 14060 and 14320 (+/- 1) kHz. QSL direct to P.O. Box 81, 09047 Selargius - CA, Italy. [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

18/09/2008: Seven hams are going to Madagascar and will be QRV from Nosy Boraha [Ile Sainte Marie] (AF-090, WLOTA LH-0491) between September 18-27. The crew consists of namely Jack/F1BCS, Jim/F1HDI, Gil/F5JBE, Remy/F6ABJ, Michel/F6COW, Oliver/F6EIE and Dan/F6EPD.Activity is scheduled from 160-6 meters, using SSB, CW, SSTV, PSK31, RTTY and JT65 modes. SSB near the IOTA frequencies. They will use the following call signs: 5R8GM for SSB, 5R8IM for digital modes, 5R8JM for CW and 5R8EM for EME (144, 114Mhz, CW and JT65). QSL all calls via F1BCS. [F5NQL]

27/09/2008: Look for Ekki/DF4OR, Tilo/DJ5BX, Thomas/DK9FEC, Peter/DL1FX and Rainer/DL1ZBO to be active from Liechtenstein as HB0/DK9FEC during the CQWW DX RTTY Contest (September 27-28th), as a Multi-Op entry. QSL via DK9FEC, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

20/10/2008: Stephan, DK3TNA will be active from the island of Fuerteventura (DIE S-006, WLOTA LH-0883), Canary Islands (AF-004) as EA8/DK3TNA between October 20th and November 1st. QRV 80-10 meter CW and SSB, using 100Watts and dipole antenna. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

22/10/2008: Peter, G4MJS reports that he will be part of a team visiting the 6Y1V contest station, Hopewell, Hanover Parish, Jamaica (NA-097, also count for WLOTA LH-0214) at the end of October for the CQ WW SSB contest. The station has 6m capabilities, and there's a good chance he will get some time on the band before the contest - probably October 22-24th. The station features a Kenwood TS-2000, Acom 1000 amplifier and stacked 4/4 SteppIR 6 element yagis. More news nearer the time, including call signs and so on. [N8OFS]

24/10/2008: Operators Raffaello/IT9ATF, Renato/IT9NPR, Pippo/IT9PPG and Pino/IT9WDC will be active from the island of Favignana (EU-054, IIA TP-011, MIA MI-025, WLOTA LH-1545) using the call sign IF9A from October 24-26th, including an entry in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th). QSL via IT9ATF, direct or bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

25/10/2008: CE1W will be on the air for the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) from Bahia Inglesa resort, northern Chile. They will

be working in the Multi-Multi category. Operators include Nicolas/XQ1IDM, Sergio/CE1TT, Marco/CE6TBN, Juan/CA4UJU, Danilo/XQ4CW, Alex/CA2UDI, David/CE2EYN, Patricio/XQ1KY and Mauricio/CE2WUI. QSL via HA1AG. Further information at www.qsl.net/ce6tbn/ce1w/ce1w.htm [CE6TBN]

25/11/2008: Ulf, DL5AXX will be active from the island of Grenada (NA-024, also count for WLOTA LH-0718) as J3/homecall from November 25th to December 9th, including a Single-Op/All-Band entry in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th). He also plans to enter the ARRL 160 Meter Contest. QSL via home call, direct or by the bureau. [NG3K]

29/11/2008: Nick, G3RWF plans to be active as 5X1NH for the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) from Uganda. No entry category was given. QSL via G3RWF, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

29/11/2008: Arturo, IK7JWY will be activefrom Pantelleria Island (AF-018, IIA TP-001, MIA MI-124, WLOTA LH-0041) as IH9M during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th), as a Single-Op/Single-Band (?) entry. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

01/12/2008: Tutul, S21RC and possibly 3 other S2 operators are preparing a DXpedition in December to St. Martin's Island (AS-127, WLOTA LH-2351) located in Chittagong Region Group. Dates are not confirmed yet, but they plan to stay 6 days on the island. A special call sign is pending and will be announced later. St. Martin's Island is a small island in the northeast part of the Bay of Bengal, about 9 km south of the tip of the Cox's Bazar-Teknaf peninsula, and forming the southernmost part of Bangladesh. It is the only coral island in Bangladesh. It is about 8 km west of the northwest coast of Myanmar at the mouth of the Naf River. The local name of the island is "Narical Gingira", also spelled "Narikel Janjina/Jinjera", translated from Bangla, meaning "Coconut Island". They currently can only set up one station and are looking for help and funds for this DXpedition. For more details and information on how to help, please visit: www.eb7dx.com/ [OPDX Bulletin]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

28/08/2008: Special event station 8N0VF is currently active until September 30th to celebrate the 17th Japan Volunteer Festival in Niigata 2008. QSL via JA0CGJ, direct or bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

29/08/2008: The Orkney Amateur Radio Club will operate using special event call sign GS8R to commemorate the 850 anniversary of the death of St. Rognvald (pronounced Ronald). In Norway their sister special event station (LA8EARL - QSL direct to LA4A) will operate from Bringsv?d, within a few hundred meters of where Rognvald was born. GS8R will operate at Scapa Bay, within a few hundred meters of where Rognvald embarked and disembarked on his journeys across the Pentland Firth to Scotland and further afield. QRV 80 to 10 meters, using SSB, CW, and data modes from 1800z August 29th to 1900z August 31st. There may be odd days of operation during the week. Transmissions will be centred on a frequency ending 4; e.g. 14.014, 14.244 MHz. QSL direct to: GS8R, Ashwell, St Ola, KIRKWALL, Orkney KW15 1SX UK. UK contacts enclose SAE, Europe and rest of the world $2 or equivalent contribution. Further information can be found at www.eu009.com/gs8r.htm [Orkney ARC]

31/08/2008: GB2TIN will be on the air August 31st to celebrate the opening on September 1st of the museum of Hard Rock Mining at Geevor Tin Mine in west Cornwall. This is the permanent SPECIAL EVENT call sign of the Trewellard Radio Group - M0TRG - who have their shack located at the Geevor Tin Mine, Pendeen, Cornwall TR19 7EW UK (WW Loc. IO70DD). QSL via RSGB bureau or direct with self addressed envelope plus IRC or equivalent to G3UUZ. [GB2RS]

01/09/2008: Look for special event station 8J4HAM to be aired from September 1st through October 5th to celebrate the Hamfesta Kasaoka 2008. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

01/09/2008: Special call sign 8N0CLEAN will be aired from September 1st through October 31st to celebrate Clean Reception Atmosphere Month. Look for activity on all bands and modes. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

01/09/2008: Special event station 8N3SR will be aired from September 1st through October 31st to celebrate the 21st National Sports and Recreation Festival. Activity is expected on all bands and modes. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

01/09/2008: Special event station PA90CORUS will be active on all bands and modes from CORUS Steel IJmuiden between September 1st and 28th to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the steelworks in IJmuiden. QSL via PB7CW. Further information can be found at www.pb7cw.net/corus [425 DX News]

01/09/2008: Marq, CT1BWW will operate again as CQ4IPY from September 1-7th and November 1-7th to celebrate the 4th International Polar Year. Expect him to be active on 10-80 meter SSB, CW, PSK31, RTTY and SSTV. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Further information on the activity and the relevant award can be found at cq4ipy.bravehost.com/ [425 DX News]

01/09/2008: GB1CM, which is to commemorate the first anniversary of the loss of the rally driver Collin McRae, will be on the air during the month of September on 80m through to 6m on SSB. There will be a special event QSL card to mark the event. Any radio amateur or SWL who would like a QSL card please send a Stamped SAE if in the UK, or an SAE plus 2 US dollars or 1 IRC if outside the UK to GB1CM OR G0BUV (John Howard, 130 Coventry Road, Coleshill, Birmingham, B463EH England - U.K.). [GB2RS]

01/09/2008: The ISWL Club Callsigns in use during September 2008 will be:
GX4BJC /A - Operated from from Skegby, in Nottinghamshire, Mervyn - G0UJD. (WAB Square = SK56-NOT & IOTA = EU-005).
MX1SWL /A - Operated from Great Sutton, in Cheshire, plus MX1SWL /P - Operated from other English locations, and MC1SWL /P - Operated from locations in Wales by Geof - M0BAU. (/A WAB Square = SJ37-CHS & IOTA = EU-005).
The ISWL's WAB Book numbers are: 16316 and 16724.
All QSL Info is on www.iswl.org.uk or www.qrz.com or via www.eQSL.cc
NO LOTW!
ISWL Awards are available to all Hams and SWL's - see www.iswl.org.uk for full details.
eQSL.cc cards ARE accepted for our awards. [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

U.S.A. Special event station information can be found at:
www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html
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SIX METERS & UP -

29/08-17/09 8Q7KK: Maldives 6M Grid:MJ64LG IC-7000 100W Quad-Loop QSL DL1BKK (d/b)

02/09-08/09 GB2CI: Caldey EU-124 6M SSB/CW Grid:IO71PP 200W 5el at 12m QSL G8ATD (d/b)

03/09-12/09 P41USA: Aruba SA-036 6M Grid:FK52 QSL W3TEF (d/b)

04/09-18/09 PJ2/LY4F: Curacao 6M Grid:FK52KG 50.110USB FT-100 100W 5el QSL LY1FF (d/b)

GOT6??? - 6M Information by Andy, N8OFS (Updated August 24, 2008) at:
www.noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt
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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

30/08-10/09 J48HW: Nisos Thasos WLOTA:4186 QSL HA0HW (d/b)
30/08-10/09 SV8/HA0HW: Nisos Thasos WLOTA:4186 QSL HC (d/b)
30/08-05/09 SX8WT: Nisos Alonnisos WLOTA:4091 QSL SV2HPP (d/b)
31/08-07/09 SV5/PA1FJ/P: Nisos Kos WLOTA:1730 QSL HC (d/b/eQSL)
01/09-08/09 F5KAQ/P: Brehat Island WLOTA:2010 QSL F5RJM (d/b)
01/09-30/09 GX4BJC /A: England - Main Island WLOTA:1841 QSL QRZ.com
01/09-30/09 MC1SWL /P: Wales - Main Island WLOTA:0453 QSL QRZ.com
01/09-30/09 MX1SWL /A: England - Main Island WLOTA:1841 QSL QRZ.com
01/09-30/09 MX1SWL /A: England - Main Island WLOTA:1841 QSL QRZ.com
02/09-08/09 GB2CI: Caldey Island WLOTA:4056 QSL G8ATD (d/b)
02/09-11/09 SV8/OK1MBZ/P: Nisos Kerkyra WLOTA:4132 QSL HC (d/b)
03/09-12/09 P41USA: Aruba Island WLOTA:0033 QSL W3TEF (d/b)
04/09-18/09 PJ2/LY4F: Curacao Island WLOTA:0942 QSL LY1FF (b)
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QSL INFO -

QSLs received Bureau - 9A7A, DK1II, EA8ZS, EI9E, IK4MHB, K3LR, LU7HF, OL1C.

QSLs received Direct - 3DA?ZO (via OH?XX), 4K5D (via K2PF), 4L6QC (via LZ1IOT), 4X?X (via 4Z5AX), 9L?W (via DK2WV), 9X?R (via EA5RM), AI5P/KH2 (via AI5P), C21DL (via DJ2EH), CP4BT (via EA5KB), CT3/OM3GI (QRZ.com), D4C (via IZ4DPV), FH1LE (via F6BFH), FO/G4MFW (OC-063), FO/KH0PR (via JJ8DEN), FR1AN (via NI5DX), HK?/HK3JJH, HP2/JA6REX (via JA6REX), HP4/JA6REX (via JA6REX), JX/G7VJR (via G7VJR), JX/SQ4MP (via G7VJR), R1FJT (via UA4RC), RW1AI/MM, S79UU (via UA3DX), T88PR (via JJ8DEN), TX5C (via N7CQQ), V63UA (via UA3DX), V63WWA (via AD7AF), V73PX (via AI5P), VP6DX, VR2??8O (via VR2XMT), YU8/S56M (via S57U), ZK1AQT (via W6ORD), ZL7/KH0PR (via JJ8DEN), ZW8DX [SA-072] (via PS8DX).

QSLs received LoTW - 3D2NB, 3D2NR, 5R8GZ, 5U1A, 5U2K, 5U4A, EA1DR, EA5AID, GB7HQ, LN2HQ, SA3D, VP2MRM, VP6DX (online request and donation), ZC4LI, ZK1YAQ.
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SILENT KEYS -

- Patrick K McNamara, EI9CB became a Silent Key on August 19, 2008. The many friends of Pat McNamara, better known as 'EI9 Charlie Brown', will be saddened to hear of his death.

- Tom Kneitel, W4XAA (formerly K2AES) became a Silent Key on August 22, 2008. Long before being editor of Popular Communications, Uncle Tom's Corner was about the sole purpose for me to subscribing to Popular Electronics in the 60's. I always enjoyed the short wave radio articles and stories. Years later I found him again as Editor of Pop-Comm. It was always fun to read Tom's editorials and stories. He will be missed [W0GE & QRZ.com]

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BITS & PIECES -

- Dov, 4Z4DX is happy to report that he is the first to work 1700 prefixes in the eQSL.cc program. [4Z4DX]

- Matan Gavish 4Z5DX, son of Dov 4Z4DX, has an excellent website up and running at matangavish.blogspot.com/ [4Z5DX]

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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
Home of ICPO: http://webhome.idirect.com/~va3rj/
Contest Calendar - DX Calendar - Lighthouse Activations
Join ICPO e-Group: http://webhome.idirect.com/~va3rj/icpo_mail.html

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Canadian Checkpoint For:
All Croatian Islands Award - ACIA
All Croatian Islands Award Group - ACIAG
The World Light House Diplom - TWLHD

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